HOUSE BILL 3171

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, relative to health insurance for state employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 8-27-212.

In implementing the health insurance program in the group insurance plan for state employees, the state insurance committee, or any contractor or third-party administrator that it may use, may not use or authorize the use of an exclusive contract between any hospital and the plan or its contractor or third-party administrator. This section shall apply only to hospitals located in any county having a population of not less than sixty-two thousand three hundred (62,300) nor more than sixty-two thousand four hundred (62,400), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on and after that date.